(b) whether the apprehension of the people around Koodankulam as to the hazards of nuclear pollution has been removed; if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what steps are proposed to be taken to eliminate this fear of nuclear pollution from the minds of the people around this plant area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The present target schedule for commissioning of the Atomic Power Plants at Koodankulam is December, 1998 for Unit-1, to be followed by Unit-2 in December, 1999.

(b) and (c) A systematic programme to educate the public at large about the safety aspects of nuclear power plants is being made. The VVER type of Soviet Reactors presently planned for installation at Koodankulam have an excellent record of safety. After going into the technical aspects, environmental clearances from the State Government as well as Union Ministry of Environment and Forests, and safety clearance from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board for the Koodankulam site have been obtained. It is planned to continue the public awareness programme in the neighbouring villages around the site.

Filling up of vacant posts of Section Officers in the Central Secretariat Service

37. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vacancies in the grade of Section Officers in the Central Secretariat Service which were proposed to be filled up through limited Departmental competitive examination which were held in December, 1989; and

(b) what is the number of vacancies which are reserved out of them for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) 79.

(b) SC: 26; ST: 13.

Environmental clearance of irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh

38. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh which are pending clearance with the Ministry of Environment and Forests and since when these are so pending; and

(b) what is the present stage of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) No irrigation project from Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Ministry of Environment and Forests for environmental clearance.

Completion of Atomic Power Plants

39. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 117 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th December, 1989 and state what are the atomic power plants which are under construction and by when their construction and of the four additional atomic power plants which Government have decided to set up, is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): The atomic power plants presently under construction and target schedules for their completion and achieving criticality are as follows:—

Project	Capacity	Target schedule for achieving criticality
Narora Atomic Power Project- Unit 2	235 MWe	August, 1990.
Kakrapar Atomic Power Project — Units 1&2	2X235 MWe	December, 1990 (Unit - 1)
		December, 1991 (Unit- 2)
Rajasthan Atomic Power Project- Units 3&4	2X235 MWe	May, 1995 (Unit - 3)
		November, 1995 (Unit- 4)
Kaiga Project Units- 1&2 . .	2X235 MWe	June, 1995 (Unit- 1)
		December, 1995 (Unit- 2)

With regard to additional 4x235 MWe units at Kaiga, 2x500 MWe units at Tarapur and 4x500 units MWe units at Rawathbatta, the present plan is to complete these units in a phased manner during the later half of the 9th Five Year Plan subject to obtaining project financial sanctions for these units in 1990.

The 2x1000 MWe units at Koodankulam are expected to be completed in December, 1998 (Unit-1) and December, 1999 (Unit-2) respectively.

Development of sports and athletics among rural youth

40. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the steps being taken to develop sports and athletics among rural youth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): With a view to developing sports and atheletics among rural youth, Government is implementing the "Scheme for Providing Sports Facilities/Infrastructure in Schools", besides giving assistance also under the 'Scheme of Grants to State Sports Councils, etc' for the creation of sports infrastructure. The Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) organises village level sports at which incentives and awards are given to the winners. Assistance is also given for holding rural sports tournaments under the Scheme of All India Rural Sports Tournaments.

Regional languages books published by NBT

41. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of books published in regional languages by the National Book Trust during the last three years, year-wise and language-wise; and